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Journalism Experience

Des Moines Register, Des Moines, Iowa

Politics Reporter July 2018-Present

- Covered Democratic presidential candidates [Andrew Yang](#), [Julián Castro](#), [Beto O'Rourke](#) and [Tulsi Gabbard](#) in Iowa leading up to the 2020 caucuses, reporting on their campaigns and [larger Iowa caucus stories](#).
- Reported on U.S. Rep. Steve King as he faces national backlash over comments related to [white nationalism](#) and [abortion exemptions](#), in addition to Iowa's 4th District congressional race at large as the King faces prominent [Republican](#) and [Democratic](#) challengers.
- Relaunched the Des Moines Register's [Three Tickets podcast](#) as host by recording and producing audio.
- Produced the [Iowa Politics Newsletter](#) which publishes at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday.
- Reported on the [2019 legislative session at the Iowa State Capitol](#), the [Iowa State Fair](#), the [Des Moines Register/CNN/Mediacom Iowa Poll](#) and [the 2018 elections](#), providing accurate and detailed coverage for an Iowa audience as a part of the state's largest newspaper.

Roll Call, Washington, D.C.

Editorial Intern April 2018-June 2018

- Covered [cybersecurity](#), [campaigns](#), [redistricting](#), [foreign policy](#) and [trending stories](#) on Capitol Hill.
- Used internal databases to bring fresh perspective to daily news.
- Built relationships with current and former Hill staffers and D.C. experts to develop a network of sources.

The Sacramento Bee, Sacramento, California

Reporting Intern January 2017-March 2017

- Found and pitched untold stories in Sacramento for both written and video stories on beats including [health](#), [courts](#) and [activism](#) in both video and written forms, pitching and finding untold stories in Sacramento.
- Reported on California politics from the Capitol Bureau producing [investigative](#) and [policy](#)-driven stories relevant to both state and national readership.

Deutsche Presse-Agentur, Washington, D.C.

Breaking News Intern June 2016-August 2016

- Wrote over 70 articles on U.S. news from Washington, D.C. for an international wire service, published in newspapers and online for agencies worldwide in [multiple languages](#).
- Produced multi-part packages as well as in-depth features with a focus on breaking news, [social issues](#), election coverage and business in addition to national politics coverage.

Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, Wisconsin

Reporting Intern June 2015-August 2015

- Won first place for special projects reporting from the Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation in a team covering [business expansion](#) on the city's developing west side.

Education

Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL *June 2018*

Bachelor of Science in Journalism, double major in Political Science

Master of Science in Journalism, Social Justice and Investigative Reporting specialization

Honors and Academic Positions: Chicago Tribune Professional Partnership, Work Study Student of the Year, Dean's List at Northwestern University: 2015-2018, Chapin Humanities Residential College Fellow

Skills

Languages: Proficient in Spanish and Arabic

Computer: [HTML](#), [CSS](#) and [Java coding](#), Microsoft Excel, ArcGIS, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Audition, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe InDesign, NewsGate, Google Drive Functions, Chartbeat, Bloomberg Terminal

Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Reddit, Instagram, Twitch, Tumblr, Snapchat, Periscope